
THE ACTS CHURCH 2:42
"EXPERIENCE REAL CHURCH"

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TEXT: *Joshua 10:1-11 KJV*

Now it came to pass, when Adonizedek king of Jerusalem had heard how Joshua had taken Ai, and had utterly destroyed it; as he had done to Jericho and her king, so he had done to Ai and her king; and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel, and were among them; (2) That they feared greatly, because Gibeon was a great city, as one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than Ai, and all the men thereof were mighty. (3) Wherefore Adonizedek king of Jerusalem sent unto Hoham king of Hebron, and unto Piram king of Jarmuth, and unto Japhia king of Lachish, and unto Debir king of Eglon, saying, (4) Come up unto me, and help me, that we may smite Gibeon: for it hath made peace with Joshua and with the children of Israel. (5) Therefore the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon, gathered themselves together, and went up, they and all their hosts, and encamped before Gibeon, and made war against it. (6) And the men of Gibeon sent unto Joshua to the camp to Gilgal, saying, Slack not thy hand from thy servants; come up to us quickly, and save us, and help us: for all the kings of the Amorites that dwell in the mountains are gathered together against us. (7) So Joshua ascended from Gilgal, he, and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valour. (8) And the LORD said unto Joshua, Fear them not: for I have delivered them into thine hand; there shall not a man of them stand before thee. (9) Joshua therefore came unto them suddenly, and went up from Gilgal all night. (10) And the LORD discomfited them before Israel, and slew them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, and chased them along the way that goeth up to Bethhoron, and smote them to Azekah, and unto Makkedah. (11) And it came to pass, as they fled from before Israel, and were in the going down to Bethhoron, that the LORD cast down great stones from heaven upon them unto Azekah, and they died: they were more which died with hailstones than they whom the children of Israel slew with the sword.

INTRO: *Thus Shall The LORD Do To All Your Enemies*

Five kings join forces against Gibeon
Joshua hears from the LORD and fights for Gibeon
Joshua experiences God's miracles (hailstones) (sun/moon standing still)
Joshua encourages them with God's promise 10:19
Joshua teaches the children of Israel a lesson about faith ***(What's over your head … God will put under your feet)***

I. *Our God Is A Covenant Keeping God*

Gibeon, in need, called upon the covenant with Israel
What is a Covenant? **David and Jonathan / Mephibosheth**

Joshua called the men together to go to the aid – **Joshua heard from the LORD**

Joshua 10:8 KJV

And the LORD said unto Joshua, Fear them not: for I have delivered them into thine hand; there shall not a man of them stand before thee.

God is a Covenant Keeping God

Joshua and men go to battle ***AND The LORD***

Joshua 10:9-11 KJV

Joshua therefore came unto them suddenly, and went up from Gilgal all night. (10) And the LORD ***discomfited*** them before Israel, and ***slew*** them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, and ***chased*** them along the way that goeth up to Bethhoron, and ***smote*** them to Azekah, and unto Makkedah.

(11) And it came to pass, as they fled from before Israel, and were in the going down to Bethhoron, that the LORD ***cast down great stones from heaven*** upon them unto Azekah, and they died: ***they were more which died with hailstones than they whom the children of Israel slew with the sword***.

First there was a tremendous hailstorm, which killed **more** men **than** the Israelites had slain. But note that they were discriminating **hailstones**—they killed only the enemies.

God is a Covenant Keeping God

Joshua speaks to the LORD 10:12-14 the Sun and moon stood still

JOSHUA 10:12-14 KJV

Then ***spake Joshua to the LORD*** in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, ***and he said in the sight of Israel***, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon. (13) ***And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies***. Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day. (14) ***And there was no day like that before it or after it, that the LORD hearkened unto the voice of a man: for the LORD fought for Israel.***

How He did it is no question for us. . . . ***It is not ours to try to explain or soften down miracles, BUT TO GLORIFY GOD IN THEM.***

"Is not this written in the Book of Jasher?"--Joshua, x. 13.
"Behold it is written in the Book of Jasher."--II Samuel, i. 18

God will make –

II. *YOUR ENEMIES YOUR FOOTSTOOL*

PSALMS 110:1 KJV ***The picture of your feet resting on the heads or your enemies***

A Psalm of David. The LORD (*Jehovah*) said unto my Lord (*Messiah*), Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

These five kings went and hid in a cave… Joshua commanded them to roll a stone at the mouth of the cave and told them to pursue their enemies and smite them "FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD HATH DELIVERED THEM INTO YOUR HAND!"

When they got finished fighting they returned to Joshua

JOSHUA 10:23-25 KJV **Five kings trapped in a cave** – 10:15-**24**, **25**

And they did so, and brought forth those five kings unto him out of the cave, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon. (24) And it came to pass, when they brought out those kings unto Joshua, that Joshua called for all the men of

Israel, and said unto the captains of the men of war which went with him, ***Come near, put your feet upon the necks of these kings***. And they came near, and put their feet upon the necks of them. (25) And Joshua said unto them, *Fear not, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage*: ***for thus shall the LORD do to all your enemies against whom ye fight.***

I want each and every one of you to know, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that as *a Blood Bought, Holy Ghost Filled, Bible Believing, Child of God* that even the demons are subject unto us *IN JESUS NAME!*

Luke 10:17-20 KJV

And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. (18) And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. (19) Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. (20) Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

James 4:7-8 KJV

Submit yourselves therefore to God. ***Resist the devil, and he will flee from you***. (8) Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

Romans 16:19-20 KJV

For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I am glad therefore on your behalf: but yet I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil. (20) ***And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly.*** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

Ephesians 6:10-13 KJV

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. (11) Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to ***stand against the wiles of the devil***. (12) For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against ***principalities***, against ***powers***, against the ***rulers of the darkness*** of this world, against ***spiritual wickedness*** in high places. (13) Wherefore **take unto you the whole armour of God**, ***that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day***, and having done all, to stand.

2 Corinthians 10:3-6 KJV

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (4) (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the ***pulling down of strong holds***;) (5) ***Casting down imaginations***, and ***every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God***, and ***bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ***; (6) And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

Revelation 12:10-12 KJV

And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. (11) **And they overcame him by** the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. (12) Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabiters of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

Do you have kings threatening your life and stealing your joy?

III. *Joshua Did – Because God Did*

28-39 completes the story of Joshua's southern campaign

10:28-39 Following this, Joshua conquered the Canaanite cities of **Makkedah** (v. 28), **Libnah** (vv. 29, 30), **Lachish** (vv. 31, 32), **Gezer** (v. 33), **Eglon** (vv. 34, 35), **Hebron** (vv. 36, 37), and **Debir** (vv. 38, 39).
The **king** of **Hebron** in verse 37 was a successor to the one slain in verse 26.

Joshua 10:40-43 KJV

So Joshua smote all the country of the hills, and of the south, and of the vale, and of the springs, and all their kings: he left none remaining, but utterly destroyed all that breathed, as the LORD God of Israel commanded. (41) And Joshua smote them from Kadeshbarnea even unto Gaza, and all the country of Goshen, even unto Gibeon. (42) And all these kings and their land did Joshua take at one time, ***because the LORD God of Israel fought for Israel***. (43) And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, unto the camp to Gilgal.